



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Regular Session

FINAL AMENDED
FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1399

~~dams; affidavit; recording~~
(NOW: water storage; plan report)

As passed by the Senate, S.B. 1399 requires a copy of a dam affidavit to be recorded in the County Recorder's Office.

The House of Representatives adopted a strike everything amendment that does the following:

Purpose

Requires the State Land Commissioner (Commissioner) and the Director of the Department of Water Resources (Director) to develop a plan to create additional water storage in Arizona.

Background

The Commissioner is responsible for managing State Trust Land on behalf of its beneficiaries by planning, leasing, and selling lands in the State Trust (A.R.S. § 37-132). The Department currently manages 9.2 million acres of State Trust Land for the benefit of 13 beneficiaries with the largest being Common Schools (K-12).

The Director is responsible for managing the direction, operation and control of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) in its mission to secure long-term dependable water supplies for Arizona's communities. ADWR explores methods of augmenting water supplies to meet future demands and develops policies that promote conservation and equitable distribution of water. In support of these activities, the Director may collect, measure, analyze and investigate information relevant to the mission and goals of ADWR. Additionally, the Director is required to coordinate with multiple agencies and departments on various issues (A.R.S. § 45-105).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires the Commissioner and the Director to consult, use the resources of their respective departments and cooperate to develop a plan to create additional water storage in Arizona that includes a preliminary investigation of acceptable sites and identification of the six most potentially acceptable sites to construct new water storage facilities on State Trust Land.

2. Specifies that the new water storage facilities may be on the Earth's surface or underground storage facilities.
3. Requires a report of the departments' activities, findings and recommendations be submitted on or before December 31, 2017 to the:
 - a) Governor;
 - b) President of the Senate;
 - c) Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - d) members of the Senate Water and Energy Committee; and
 - e) members of the House of Representatives Agriculture, Water and Lands Committee.
4. Requires a copy of the report be provided to the Secretary of State.
5. Repeals this section on October 1, 2018.
6. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by the House of Representatives

- Adopted a strike everything amendment related to the development of a plan to create additional water storage.

Amendments Adopted by Conference Committee

1. Includes a preliminary investigation of acceptable sites to construct new water storage facilities on State Trust Land in the development of the plan.
2. Specifies that the new water storage facilities may be on the Earth's surface or underground.

House Action

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3 rd Read	4/6/16		59-0-1
Final Read	5/7/16		55-0-5

Senate Action

Final Read	4/28/16	29-0-1
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Signed by the Governor 5/11/16
Chapter 164

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